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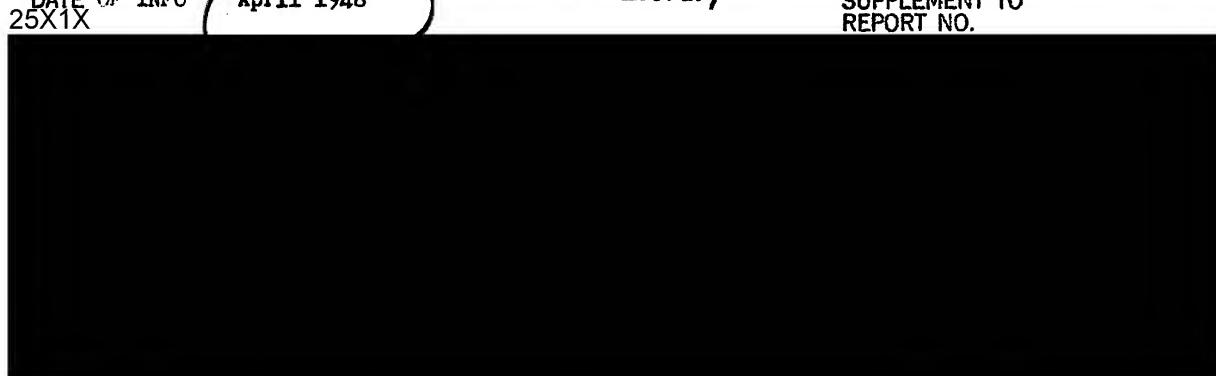
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1. A Russian commission, headed by Colonel Minyagin, has been attached to the Brabag factory in Leipzig-Boehlen since the beginning of March 1948. Colonel Minyagin had been in charge of dismantling operations of the Brabag plant near Magdeburg. Although the Russians plan to dismantle the plant eventually, they intend to use it for the time being for the training of Russian specialists. The commission, a so-called study group, will be augmented by a considerable number of Russian technicians and other specialized Russian personnel. The German technical staff cooperates closely with this Russian group.
 2. Brabag in Leipzig-Boehlen produces both motor and aviation gasoline which is shipped only to Russian agencies with APO numbers. This factory is the only plant in the Soviet zone of Germany able to produce high-grade aviation gasoline. This production takes place in modern installations which are located in the so-called "Westgelaende" and which were completed in August 1947. This part of the factory is a separate Soviet AG and has its own administration. Approximately one-fourth of the entire output is produced in this section.
 3. The production of high-grade aviation gasoline is reported to amount at present to 10,000 - 20,000 tons a year only. Important research work is, however, being carried on, and it is expected that the plant will begin to work at full capacity after the arrival of the Russian specialists. At the present time, the plant produces approximately 13,000 tons of motor gasoline a month.

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4. Detailed plans have been worked out for the construction of a large hydrogenation plant for the production of motor gasoline, for which excess pressures of 300 to 700 atmospheres will be used. The buildings are to be insulated to make it possible to operate even at a prolonged outdoor temperature of minus 40° C. This project is known under the code name Krasnoi.

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5. Since the end of December 1947, the Russians have been carefully checking the use made of all gasoline; decisions as to the distribution of gasoline are now made by the SMA Karlshorst, and no longer by the Director-General of the Soviet AG in Leipzig. Since no more gasoline may be diverted for bartering for urgently needed spare parts, it is feared that serious production difficulties, if not an actual breakdown in production, will arise in a few months' time.
6. Three of the most capable engineers from Brabag have fled to the western zones since the beginning of 1948 to avoid possible deportation to Russia.

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